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During Dec. 15th monthly meeting

Elba BOE members approve recommendation to give two additional personal days to employees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday, Dec. 15, for its regular monthly meeting, and among the actions approved during the meeting was a request from the superintendent to give employees two additional personal days.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said this had been something the administration had been thinking on as a way to give the employees something beneficial to them this year considering all they have dealt with due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the system was able to provide some Christmas gift items to employees this year also, and he said the feedback had been really good on those gifts.

The big thing Moseley said he felt would benefit employees would be giving them two additional personal days of leave, excluding himself. He said he simply did not want to give himself two additional personal days.

Moseley said these days would be for the employees to choose how they want to use them, but he said he was glad to be able to offer these days to the employees to help show them how much the system appreciates all they have and are doing.

The board concurred with Moseley's recommendation and voted to give all employees, excluding the superintendent, two additional personal days.

The board accepted retirement paperwork from Elba Elementary School teacher Pam Mitchell to retire, effective Dec. 16th. Moseley said Mitchell had 25 years of service to the school system and made the decision to go ahead and retire.

He said he saw her earlier in the day prior to the board meeting, and he congratulated her and thanked her personally for her many

years of service to Elba.

After approving Mitchell's retirement, the board next entertained a recommendation from the superintendent to hire Sara Kate Jones to replace the vacancy created by Mitchell's retirement.

Moseley said Jones previously interned at Goshen. He said elementary principal Debra Strickland had contacted several people regarding Jones, and she comes to Elba highly recommended for the teaching job.

After confirming it was also Strickland's recommendation to hire Jones, the board voted to approve the recommendation of the superintendent.

With the end of the first semester upon the school year, the superintendent provided a summary of COVID-19 numbers to board members.

For the school system (since the start of the school year in August), Moseley said 27 students total had been confirmed positive for the COVID-19 virus along with 17 employees total. As for quarantined/isolated numbers due to a poten-

tial close contact, he said 267 students were impacted throughout the entire semester and 30 employees were quarantined/isolated.

Overall, Moseley said the numbers were good for a school system as small as Elba, and he said he could not thank the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other employees enough for the job they had done throughout the first semester. He said he was certainly not easy, but he felt Elba City Schools did what it needed to do to have a successful first semester despite COVID-19.

He also specifically thanked the school nurse for staying on top of things for Elba City Schools.

As the board was meeting the evening of Dec. 15th, Elba High School was hosting its first home varsity basketball game of the season. Moseley said the Alabama High School Athletic Association had provided strict guidelines for attendance during basketball season, and he encouraged all to follow the rules set in place to allow a full basketball season for the students/players.



The Elba Volunteer Fire Department assisted with a two-vehicle head-on collision that happened just before noon on Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24) in Coffee County. The first responding emergency agency was the Bullock Fire Department, and the Elba Fire and Brantley fire departments were dispatched to assist Bullock with the wreck scene on Highway 189 at Coffee County Road 337 in the northwestern part of the county [near the Crenshaw County line]. Emergency responders found that a small Jeep SUV passenger vehicle (shown above) had collided head-on with a tractor-trailer. An occupant of the Jeep was trapped inside, and extrication equipment was used to remove this injured person. The injured person was transported by Enterprise Rescue to a local trauma center to receive medical treatment. Members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department assisted with traffic control for this wreck, which was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.



The Elba Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3:30 p.m. to a structure fire on County Road 401. The structure was engulfed with flames upon arrival on scene by firefighters, and reportedly, smoke from the fire could be seen for many miles away. After extinguishing the initial blaze, the fire department was dispatched a second time to the scene around 6:30 p.m. after it was reported the fire had reignited. The New Brockton Fire Department assisted Elba with the initial fire call on this structure.

ADPH launches new COVID-19 dashboard, welcomes arrival of some Moderna vaccine

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has launched a new COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard which will make it easier for the public to navigate vaccine information.

The dashboard, which details the number of vaccines shipped to Alabama and dispensed, can be viewed at: arcg.is/OrCey.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard can also be accessed on the newly created COVID-19 Dashboard Hub. This will provide easy access to the Vaccine Distribution, Data and Surveillance, School and Risk Indicator Dashboards through tabs at the top. The COVID-19 Dashboard Hub can be accessed at: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Both the Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna vaccines

have been sent to the state. Allocations of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine have been received and are being distributed to 90 sites in Alabama. Additional allocations of the two-dose vaccines are expected on a weekly basis. As of December 28, 20,354 doses of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in the state. ADPH follows the newly revised

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance regarding placing priorities based on risk exposure in providing COVID-19 vaccine. View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan which defines populations and the order in which they will receive vaccine in four phases at alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf.

More than 300,000 Alabamians fall into the Phase 1a population. Immunizations are being administered to eligible persons at very high risk of exposure to the virus. These include professionals who perform aerosol-generating procedures and frontline health workers, including clinical and nonclinical workers in hospitals, nursing homes or those providing in-home or mental health care directly. Others in the very high-risk category include health-care workers or laboratory personnel collecting or

more persons, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between person are prohibited.

The COVID-19 crisis forced Alabama schools to close the buildings to a normal classroom setting for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and move to more of a 'distance learning' setting for the fourth nine weeks. After a week of no school due to the virus followed by a week

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Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day. Standby crews will be on call to assist with any utility emergencies. For utility emergencies during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Elba City Hall.

Looking back at The Elba Clipper's top headlines from 2020

TOP STORIES FROM JANUARY 2020

- Donta Jaquon Rogers, age 26, was killed Jan. 16th in a shooting at a Putnam Street residence in Elba. Elba Police begin murder investigation, and Yatchauntaneeyah Henderson of Opp, Ala. was arrested Jan. 17th on a tampering with physical evidence charge in connection to the investigation.
- Elba Police arrest Jonathan Lawrence and Yatchauntaneeyah Henderson on Jan. 23rd and charge them each with robbery - first degree in connection with the Donta Rogers murder investigation.
- Elba Police arrest Dayshon Williams and Tyshaun Griggs, both of Dothan, Ala., and charge them with attempted murder stemming from Jan. 27th "rolling" shooting incident. Police Chief Leslie Hussey said the suspects chased a victim into Elba traveling on Hwy. 84 and allegedly shot at the victim's vehicle

during the chase.

- New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes recognized officers Zachary Neitsh and Joshua Sullivan for their work in locating and returning a runaway juvenile home.

TOP STORIES FROM FEBRUARY 2020

- The Elba Board of Education approves recommendation to hire Marc Sieving as the new head football coach for the Elba Tigers.
- Elba Lady Tigers basketball team made history Feb. 17th in winning the Class 1A Southeast Regional Basketball finals at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Ala. This advanced the Lady Tigers to the Final Four of the State Finals.

TOP STORIES FROM MARCH 2020

- The Elba Police Department gained two new certified officers March 3rd, when officers Frank Clark and Caleb Walden graduated from the Montgomery Police Academy.
- Jodee Rowe Thompson

was sworn-in March 2nd to be the new Coffee County Probate Judge, filling the unexpired term of Steven Blair upon his Feb. 29th retirement.

- Just shy of 8 a.m. March 4th, portions of the downtown area of Elba experienced a scary weather moment as a microburst caused damage to several stores. The same storm, several minutes later, caused more damage in New Brockton.

- In response to the increasing number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) makes first safety recommendations concerning public gatherings, food establishment and other retail venues, and businesses.

- Elba Police continue to seek help in solving the Jan. 16th murder of Donta Jaquon Rogers, and announced that the Central Alabama CrimeStoppers division is offering a cash reward of up to \$5,000 for a tip that

results in the capture and conviction of the person(s) responsible for killing Rogers.

- Rolanda Jones, Elba City Council member for District One and member of the Elba Water and Electric Board, resigned her position March 23, during each respective meeting. The resignation came due to Jones relocating to another part of the state for her work.

TOP STORIES FOR APRIL 2020

- Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey announced March 26th the closure of all Alabama Schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- On March 27, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and Alabama Public Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris announced the state's amended statewide 'safer at home' public health order for social distancing. The announcement said that all non-work related gatherings of 10 or

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In America, anyone can become president. That's one of the risks you take." Adlai Stevenson

The very unusual 2020 Christmas is now over and in spite of the quirks we, as a whole, have so far survived the odd conditions presented by COVID-19. Of course, there are some among us who are grieving over lost ones or someone very, very ill, and you have our heartfelt prayers. Hopefully our readers in that group will find a few bright spots, or a pile of positive memories, to help manage their grief.

Washington D.C. continues to be a place of great suspense, surprises and bitter debates. Probably the worse coming out of this often open, bitter squabbling is that those of us watching from the sidelines are also divided and all too often hopelessly, and bitterly, divided. Thus, when the nation's leaders come to any sort of compromise to keep things moving along, us brilliant onlookers lock down in serious debate with each other over the issues just settled under the bright lights of 'open government'. We likely knew very little, or nothing, about the pros and cons before Washington started debating the merits of the issue, but quickly formed unwavering brilliance, but differing conclusions, just listening to the words of the publicity seekers in DC. It is great to live in a 'Freedom of Speech' country!

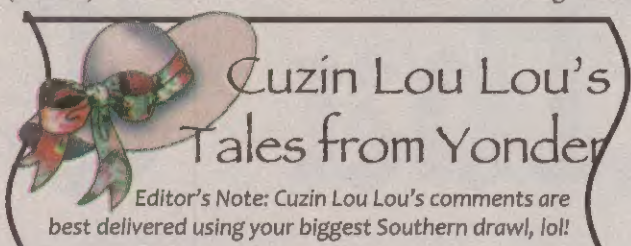
It was a surprise to us last week when Judson College officials announced that unless they raised a half million dollars before January 1st, they would have to close this old, old Alabama college. College staff members were already advising students on the best option for them in transferring to another school to complete their degree. On Monday it was announced that they have raised over \$350,000, indicating the magic \$500,000 might be obtained by the deadline. It seems unusual for old established, and respected, colleges like Judson to get in this financial bind. . . but then we are not the resident expert on college financing. Wish them success in their quest for funding.

OK, we are actually going to get our \$600 "free" money from Uncle Sam . . . sometime after the first of the year. There are reports that as many as a million people are still waiting on the original \$1,200 check most of us got months ago. Again, as with that original stimulus check, there is a bit of a guilt feeling in our brain for accepting this money. First, we are fortunately not hungry nor in danger of eviction for nonpayment of rent and secondly knowing that our grandchildren (and great-grandchildren) will be paying the interest on this money the government has to borrow, forever, and forever, frankly embarrasses us. But we plan to take it anyway.

Be Safe, WASH Your Hands – Often, Wear Your MASK, Social DISTANCE and take the SHOT when it becomes available.

It is our dream that each of you will have a very rewarding and Happy New Year!

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) reminds all citizens to use caution and be aware of third-party websites when renewing their



Cuzin Lou Lou enjoyed her first Christmas as a parent...a fur-baby parent, that is, and it was just as exciting as Lou Lou had hoped it would be on Christmas morning.

Little Bean woke up excited as if she knew it was a special day! After passing out the gifts under the tree, the routine has been for Papa to open first, followed by Sister, and then Lou Lou. Sister tries every year to get Lou Lou to go ahead of her, but Lou Lou wants to be the last to open gifts simply because she enjoys watching everyone else first.

Well...this year the tradition changed. With little Bean now in the house, she was the first to open her

presents [with a little assistance, of course]. As Lou Lou pulled the tissue paper from the gift bag, Bean jumped around with what had to be excitement and anticipation all wrapped in one.

Sister made sure to capture the moment on video for Lou Lou, and it was simply precious! After the gift bag, came Bean's stocking where she got some of her most favorite things.

The pack of Pork Chomps – Bean's absolute favorite 'chew' toy ensured the rest of the family could open gifts with no interruption from the always seeking attention Bean. Once she got her paws on one of those chomps, she could care less what happened the rest of the gift opening session! She jumped right into her bed and started chomping away.

Another item in Bean's stocking was a toy monkey for her to play with – it was pink in color, so, no confusion on who purchased that one! Lou Lou is convinced that Sister would dress Bean in pink every day if she were allowed to try it...not gonna happen!

Well...that pink monkey got its glory a short time later. Little Bean wore herself out playing with her new toys from Christmas, and she soon came looking for her mommy for some snuggles and a nap. Accompanying Bean for this nap with snuggles was her new monkey.

After a little harassing said monkey, Bean settled down on the couch, and next thing Lou Lou knew she was holding her new monkey in the most precious manner while resting [see above photo]. As one can imagine, this completely melted Lou Lou's heart. It was simply a truckload of preciousness!!

All this leads Lou Lou to make a confession to her readers...

Lou Lou had always, always been one to say that no animal would live inside her house. Well...she ate those words earlier this year when she found little Bean and brought her home.

Bean was born February 6th of this year, and she came to live in Yonder with her new family when she was only 12 weeks old. Bean chose Lou Lou to be her 'human mommy' and she has not only lived in the house from day one, but she sleeps with Lou Lou too! Truth is...none of the crew would know what to do without Bean now! She rules the roost, as they say. And, she knows it!

Bean has trained her people well over this year, and Lou Lou wouldn't change it for anything!! Until next time...Keep Smiling and God Bless!

EDITORIAL

ALEA alerts customers concerning third-party website "upcharging" for driver license renewals

Third-party websites may look "official," and often partner with search engines to appear at the top of search results. Many third-party sites charge additional fees or "up-charges" to complete transactions. These third-party application sites are independently administered and are not affiliated with ALEA in any way.

"We were recently made aware of a website that charged a \$50 administrative fee in addition to the agency's \$39 renewal fee. That is a significant up-charge from ALEA's online transaction fee, which is only \$2.75," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. "As with any type of website service, we encourage Alabama citizens to use caution when utilizing third-party websites."

Here are a few tips to help customers ensure they are visiting ALEA's official website:

- Rather than using a search engine to reach ALEA's Driver License Division, enter our web address (www.alea.gov) directly into your browser's address bar. Once you reach ALEA's official site, click "view all online services," then click "renew your driver license online."

- ALEA charges a \$2.75 transaction fee for online renewals. If you incur any additional charges, you are not on the ALEA website.

- Look for the words, "The official site of those who protect and serve Alabama" and the official ALEA seal at the top of the page. These are included as additional security measures.

Please be advised that you are only eligible to renew your license 180 days prior to the expiration date. You may purchase a duplicate license, permit or ID card at any time through ALEA's online services.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, and Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 22 – Suspicious person reported at 475 Williams Ave (6:37 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Ann St (11:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 588 E Davis St (11:47 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 993 Hwy 203 (12:09 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Larkin Rd (2:58 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 401 – multiple calls (5:31 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 903 Wayne St (4:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 475 Hwy 203 (8:37 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1620 Boswell St (11:10 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hickman Ave (11:28 p.m.). There were three traffic stops in this date resulting in one verbal warning, one written warning, and on one report completed.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 – Assault reported at 14926 Hwy 84 (12:33 a.m.); Shots fired reported at 1261 Reese Ave (6:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (8:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 74 County Rd 263 (9:46 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Hwy 203 (1:17 p.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Hwy 203 (1:51 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hickman Ave (7:36 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:35 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, and two no action taken.

Thursday, Dec. 24 – Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 203 and Neil Grantham Dr (12:23 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1297 Ann St (2:46 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on E Davis St (6:16 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at

990 Hwy 203 (3:18 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning and one no action taken.

Friday, Dec. 25 – Animal complaint reported at 1064 N Claxton Ave (7:24 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (1:09 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 189 (4:59 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date, both resulting in a verbal warning.

Saturday, Dec. 26 – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (12:07 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1022 Guyton St (2:25 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1543 Hwy 189 (2:47 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 252 Larkin Rd (7:00 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported in this date resulting in a written warning.

Sunday, Dec. 27 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 609 Reese Ave (3:35 a.m.); Burglary reported at 475 Williams Ave (10:35 a.m.); Man with a gun reported at 664 Reynolds Ave – an arrest was made (2:30 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 772 County Rd 401 (3:30 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a citation issued.

Monday, Dec. 28 – Criminal mischief reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:43 a.m.); Elba Fire dispatched to 804 Old Samson Rd (11:09 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 84 E (11:53 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 375 Hwy 203 (1:06 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 – an arrest was made (2:43 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N – contact made and verbal warning given (3:10 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Herman Driggers Dr (8:04 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning and three verbal warnings.

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Spring Break, Elba City Schools entered this new phase on April 6th.

• Elba High School senior Leighanne Sanders won the Class 1A Bryant-Jordan Student-Achievement Award, which was announced April 13, during the 35th annual Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Awards Program.

• The Elba City Council met April 13th via a teleconference call due to the COVID-19 social distancing public health orders, and the council appointed Johnathan Lockett to fill the unexpired term of Rolanda Jones for the District One council seat.

• Strong winds and heavy rain quickly got the attention of Elba and Coffee County residents late night, April 19, into early morning, April 20, as a storm system made its way across the state, leaving quite a bit of damage behind it.

• Governor Kay Ivey addressed the state April 28 and announced that once the current Stay-At-Home public health order expired April 30 that a new Safer-At-Home public health order would go immediately into effect continuing until May 15th.

TOP STORIES FOR MAY 2020

• The Elba Fire Department, a 100 percent volunteer department, answered 39 calls for help during the month of April. According to information released by the department, it regularly maintains a roster of 16-20 members. The 39 calls answered in April more than doubled the norm for the department.

• During the Elba City Council meeting May 11th, via teleconference, Mayor Mickey Murdock told council members he had recommended city departments return to full staffing for daily work. The departments had been operating a partial staff rotation for the past several weeks due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

• Elba Chief of Police Leslie Hussey addressed the issue of increased complaints his department has received regarding golf carts, ATVs, and UTV's on the public roadways within the city.

• Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education announced the nationally-recognized, high quality Alabama First Class Pre-K program would add 55 new classrooms to 25 counties this fall. One of those new classrooms would be a second Pre-K class for Elba City Schools.

TOP STORIES FOR JUNE 2020

• On May 26, Coffee County Sheriff's authorities arrested Jeffrey Marlon Hamm, age 52, of Troy, Ala. on rape – first degree and sexual abuse – first degree charges in connection to an alleged sexual assault that occurred Monday, May 25, in Coffee County.

• Giving the people of Elba an opportunity to purchase locally grown fruits, veggies, herbs, plants, and lots more becomes a reality June 6th when the Elba Farmers Market opens for the summer.

• A vehicle pursuit June 4th through downtown Elba ended with the suspect vehicle crashing into a light pole. The suspect, Ricky Ricardo Hill, age 24, of Elba, Ala., was arrested and charged on several offenses including: one count of attempting to elude, one count of resisting arrest, and one count of duty to give information and render aid after a traffic accident (for the wreck at the 87/203 intersection). Also, Hill was written 10 separate traffic citations for the incident, including a driving under the influence citation. Additionally, Police Chief Leslie Hussey said there were five outstanding warrants on Hill, included a previous attempt to elude charge and four failure to appear charges.

• A staple of the Coffee

County Board of Education office recently decided that four decades on the job was enough to call it a career and turn in those retirement papers. Longtime superintendent's secretary Donna Hataway will "officially" retire at the end of June after 41 ½ years at the office.

• The Alabama Pork Producers smoked out four finalists in its Bama's Best Pulled Pork contest and announced those finalists to include an Elba, Alabama restaurant. The finalists included Heard's BBQ in Maplesville in Chilton County, JJ's BBQ in Elba in Coffee County, The Pink Pig in Moulton in Lawrence County and Holy Smoke BBQ in Hartselle in Morgan County.

• Coffee County Habitat for Community broke ground June 17th on not one but two new sites for homes to be constructed in Elba – giving two families a dream come true for homeownership. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at 538 Adkinson Street, Elba, for a Habitat home to be built for Tawana L. Thomas and her children Kentana and Kendre. Also, a groundbreaking, was held at 529 Adkinson Street for a Habitat home going to Catina Washington and her children – Alvin, McKenzie, Ayden, and Madalynn.

TOP STORIES FOR JULY 2020

• The Elba Water and Electric Board paved the way for new economic development in Elba.

The board approved a motion at its June meeting to allow board chairman Tim Johnson to enter into an agreement to transfer the brownfield land on Hwy. 84 in Elba [located between Coleman Funeral Home and Pope Tent] to Southern Tractor LLC [owner Blake Streetman], contingent upon some paperwork being completed with ADEM regarding the land.

• Elba's code enforcement officer Bryson Dear provided an update June 23 to the Elba City Council and revealed that O'Reilly's Auto Parts planned to renovate the old Fred's building in the city. Dear said the plans indicate O'Reilly's would create a distribution center at the building, and the auto parts company would also have a retail storefront on location.

• Alabama Department of Transportation crews were in Elba July 14th making a long-expected change to the flow of traffic in downtown Elba. Three downtown intersection changed from traffic light operated to stop sign intersections. The intersection of Davis Street and Factory Avenue changed to an "All Way" stop while the intersection of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue was changed to the same. Another change was the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street to a two-way stop (on Simmons St).

• JJ's BBQ in Elba, owned by Chequita Walker, won the Bama's Best Pulled Pork contest, sponsored by the Alabama Pork Producers.

• Elba Water and Electric Board members vote July 27th to expand water system to be primary water supplier for Ben E. Keith Distribution Center in New Brockton.

• The Elba Fire Department takes possession of the new airboat it had ordered to be able to better respond to river calls on the Pea River. Both the City of Elba and Coffee County Commission assisted Elba FD in purchasing the airboat.

TOP STORIES FOR AUGUST 2020

• Animated characters began showing up on the sidewalks around the square in downtown Elba and other areas earlier this summer in the form of pop-up chalk art scenes, courtesy of local teenager – Melanie Diehl. When chalk art became a popular thing during the

COVID-19 quarantine earlier this year, Diehl said her dad, Shawn Diehl, suggested she do it. She had watched YouTube videos on the art and decided to give it a shot.

• Alabama Farmers Federation employees Russ Durrance and Marlee Moore delivered the Bama's Best Pulled Pork championship plaque and a cash prize July 30th to Elba's JJ's BBQ. Accepting the winnings were owner Chequita Walker along with her daughter Amber and son Josiah [the restaurant's namesake].

• Elba native Juan Carpenter recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College with a Master's degree in strategic studies. The U.S. Army War College's education curriculum educates and develops board selected senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as top foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic level command and staff positions worldwide.

Juan is a graduate of Elba High School and a proud member of the Class of 1991. He is the son of Lucinda Carpenter of Elba. Juan works at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

• The Elba Volunteer Fire Department recently introduced its new airboat to be utilized in water rescues, especially on the Pea River, to the community; and Aug. 15th, the airboat proved successful in helping firefighters with its first river rescue. Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker said his department was dispatched at approximately 8:14 p.m. last Saturday night in reference to two kayakers stranded on the Pea River. The kayakers were located by the crew on Airboat 1 at 8:47 p.m., and the individuals were safely rescued and returned to their vehicle.

• Elba voters went to the polls Aug. 25 to cast their vote for the next mayor in the 2020 municipal election, and the results revealed there would be a runoff between candidates Tom Maddox and Tim Johnson.

TOP STORIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

• Two months after the Elba Water and Electric Board approved transferring a piece of brownfield land on U.S. Highway 84 in Elba to Southern Tractor LLC, the project took a giant step forward Aug. 26th when an official groundbreaking ceremony was held to signify the start of construction. A very excited Blake Streetman, owner of Southern Tractor LLC, has said the new Southern Tractor Company would include a 10,000 sq. ft. retail store, along with a 30,000 sq. ft. tractor dealership. He describes the

Southern Tractor Company retail store as being a lot like a Rural King home and farm store or even a cross between Tractor Supply meets Ace Hardware.

• Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said he could not be prouder of the faculty, staff and students of the school system in how they all have handled the COVID-19 situation thus far this school year. Speaking Tuesday morning, Sept. 8, from the central office on the Elba City Schools campus, Moseley said school is knee-deep into the year now, and overall, things had gone pretty much as expected.

• The Elba City Council approved a motion Sept. 14th, during its regular bi-monthly meeting, to compensate city employees that worked full-time during the COVID-19 shutdown earlier this year. The council voted to pay employees that worked full-time during the shutdown [most city employees worked split shifts during the stay-at-home quarantine time] a total of 18 days at 8 hours per day based on the individual employee's regular pay rate. Also, all city employees would receive \$125 each for exposure pay. Mayor Mickey Murdock said the payments would come as a one-time payment to the employees, and the monies to cover this cost would come from CARES Act funding awarded to the city.

• In aftermath of Hurricane Sally's impact on local area, Elba escapes potential flood as Pea River crests Sept. 18th at 31.637 feet.

TOP STORIES FOR OCTOBER 2020

• Elba's assistant city clerk Pat Boothe announced Sept. 28th during the Elba City Council meeting that she plans to retire on March 1, 2021 after a 40-plus year career with the city.

• Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker announced the fire department had been awarded a FEMA grant to purchase some new equipment. He said the plan was for the fire department to replace its gas-operated hydraulic rescue equipment with a new battery-powered hydraulic rescue tool used for extrication.

• Tom Maddox elected to be next Mayor of Elba.

• Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley receives excellent superintendent evaluation.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

DENNIS ROBERT HEFFNER

Mr. Dennis Robert Heffner, age 74, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at 25803 Hwy. 87 in Elba, Ala.



Graveside services were held Dec. 29, 2020 from Chestnut Grove Community Cemetery with Rev. Lanny Shepard officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Survivors include his son: Matthew (Gordana) Heffner, Brundidge, Ala.; daughter: Amanda Heffner, of Pennsylvania; granddaughter: Mary Margaret Heffner, and grandson: Matthew Heffner Jr., both of Jack; and a special friend: Kathryn Kelly, Jack.

LENORA FARRIS REEVES

Mrs. Lenora Farris Reeves, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Dec. 28, 2020 from the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Larry Odom officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of the burial services.

Mrs. Reeves was preceded in death by her husband - Carlton W. Reeves; father - Stephen A. Farris; mother - Syble Smith Farris; sister - Mary Miles; brothers - Grady, Carrol B., Johnny and George Farris; and a grandson - Jamie Carol Odom.

Survivors include her daughters: Linda Reeves Farris, Rachel Reeves Barbaree, Cathy Reeves (Larry) Odom, all of Elba, and Judy Reeves (Jimmy) Johnson, Enterprise; sons: Billy Reeves, and Larry (Cindy) Reeves, both of Elba; sister: Louis Kelley, New Brockton, Ala.; 12 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and six great great-grandchildren.

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G.W. RICHARDS

Mr. G.W. Richards, age 75, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

WILLARD ROYCE WHITEHEAD JR.

Mr. Willard Royce "Bubba" Whitehead Jr., age 55, of Arton, Ala. (New Hope Community), died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021, at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Dale County, Ala. (Rocky Head) with Brother Mark Ward officiating. Burial will follow with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Bubba was born October 14, 1965 in Phenix City, Ala., to Willard Royce Whitehead Sr., and Betty Lew Tew Whitehead. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Lew Tew Whitehead, and his stepmother, Dot Whitehead.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Whitehead, New Hope Community; daughters: Jessica Whitehead and Abby Whitehead, both of New Hope Community; father: Willard Royce Whitehead Sr.; sisters: Wanda Virag, New Hope Community, Amy Maulden, Virginia, and Holly Blackmon, Ozark, Ala.; stepsister: Deana Barbaccia, Enterprise, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

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When you lose someone close to you, it can feel like a chapter in your life has come to a close. In a lot of ways that may be true, but just because you've reached the end of something doesn't mean you can't also find a new beginning. One helpful way to navigate loss is to view it as the start of the next part of your life and to seize the opportunity to make some personal changes.

These changes don't have to be drastic—and in fact, they shouldn't be, at least not at first. It's generally advised not to make significant life decisions when in the midst of grieving. Avoid things like moving across the country or selling all of your possessions.

Here are some ideas on some new changes you could try:

• Take up a new hobby. Maybe you've always wanted to paint, to play the guitar, or to be a photographer. There's no time like the present to sign up for some classes and to dive into a new passion. This doesn't mean forgetting about your old life; it just means seizing the opportunities that lay before you for new endeavors.

• Reconnect with old friends. Use this time to reach out to people you haven't spoken with in a while and rekindle those friendships. They can help provide you with some support.

• Do some traveling. Use this time to go wherever you've always wanted to go. Travel with a friend, family member, or even go solo.

• Write your Great American Novel. Or whatever else you've always toyed with.

Even in grief, you'll still find opportunities to learn, grow, and surprise yourself. These things won't remove your pain and aren't meant to. What they can do is enrich your life and add some grace notes to the bereavement process.

Grief feels like an ending—but it can also be a new beginning. Consider some ways in which you can start writing your new chapter.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Reflections

written by Michael J. Brooks

Going Over To The Enemy Camp

I remember an interesting confrontation one Sunday morning.

We Baptists have always been creative with our fifth Sundays. Sometimes we do communion, sometimes we have hymn singing rather than preaching and sometimes we have fellowship meals—or at least we did pre-Covid. On this particular fifth Sunday night we planned a joint worship with the Methodist church. I joked about this during the morning announcement time and said, "We're going over to the enemy camp!" Of course I was being frivolous before worship began, but the young man accosted me when worship was done.

"They're not our enemies; they're our brothers and sisters in Christ!" he declared.

I explained if I really thought they were our enemies, I, as pastor, wouldn't have suggested we worship with them. I still don't know if I convinced him or not. Popular columnist Dave Barry insists some people are "humor deprived," and this man certainly was. But I know, too, that sarcasm is often misunderstood. I've really tried to work on being more declarative and less sarcastic in my public speaking and conversations since not everyone understands the art of the quip.

I do miss the community worship services we had years ago. In several places we've lived the churches had interdenominational Thanksgiving services. In one of them the offerings we received were given to the local food bank, so this gathering was important.

In another place churches sponsored joint Maundy Thursday services. This is a communion service on the day before Good Friday, commemorating the inauguration of the supper when Jesus instituted it. I remember one night the guest music minister was unschooled in what he should do (ministers shared responsibilities). He had us singing resurrection hymns, not realizing that the church treats Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with somberness. Joy comes on Easter.

I think denominations can learn from one another. The Episcopalians and Presbyterians teach us reverence in worship. Congregants honor God's word and the pulpit is a place for serious reflection. The Pentecostals teach us exuberance in the Holy Spirit. My mother's only sister was Nazarene. I'll always remember attending her church as a boy and seeing her raising her hands in the air and praising God. She had a hard life and found great joy in expressive worship. And I suppose we Baptists and Methodists find ourselves somewhere in between—hopefully learning from both parameters.

Jesus prayed that his followers "be one" (John 17:21). Some argue that having many denominations falls short of his vision. True enough, but I don't see this changing. Nevertheless, we should rejoice in what God is doing in the ministries of other churches and respect and love our brothers and sisters in other camps.

Reflections is a weekly devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala. The church's website is siluriabaptist.com.



Front View of the Church

New Providence Primitive Baptist Church in Coffee County needs roof repaired

Submitted by Nell Gilmer, member of the Elba Historic Preservation Committee

This little church in the wildwood needs a new roof.

Although the church is made of cement blocks, it looks more like the Alamo.

New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189, in the Rhoades Community between Perry's Store and Kinston was built in 1905. The land for the church and cemetery was donated by the Rhoades family, grandparents of Hoyt Rhoades from Elba.

After the church stopped having meetings, it was used as a location for Sacred Harp Singings.

Hoyt Rhoades is retired from Dorsey's, and he is trying to repair a hole in the roof and cannot do this work alone. He needs help.

Anyone interested can help in two ways - helping with the cost of the tin to use to repair the roof or

provide labor.

Contact Rhoades at 897-5643 for more information or to provide some sort of assistance. He needs 30 sheets of tin (\$43) and help replacing the roof. Checks can be mailed to Hoyt Rhoades at 955 Reese St, Elba, AL 36323.

Country churches over 100 years old need preserving. Sacred Harp singings continue to be held in these old churches, as well as other events.



This photo shows where the roof needs repairing at the church

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: God the Sovereign Savior. (Psalm 18: 1-50)

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Marcus Fitch, Gladys Deese, Re'Nita N. Brooks, Betty Moore, Robyn Patterson, Min. Robert Edwards, Shane Williams, A'Miya A. Hutchinson, Betty Williams

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Cordell Hooks 12/20
Kimberly McBride 12/20
Debbie W. Bright 12/21
Min. Pam Mitchell 12/21
Tom Hooks 12/23
Grover Belcher 12/23 (in memory)

Lucille Hammonds 12/23
Tamarah Samuel 12/24
Quran Lamortis Warren 12/24

Shane Warren 12/24
Sean Warren 12/24
Joe Smith Sr. 12/25 (in memory)

Kenneth Daniels 12/25 (in memory)

Following "God With Us"

"You're bringing a baby here?!" The aid worker's eyes were wide with disbelief. We were about to land in an African refugee camp in a politically and militarily volatile region. Malaria, typhoid, and yellow fever were active in the area. Far away from any urban amenities, we would start by building a mud hut to live in. What in the world were we thinking, going there with a child?

We were trying to follow Jesus' example. He was Emmanuel, God with us. The Word became flesh. He talked face-to-face with people from all kinds of backgrounds, and He loved them.

Our son took his first steps in that camp. He played with children while we visited with their parents. We lived our lives side by side with refugees, whose

language had never been written down and most of whom did not know Christ. How can you follow the one who is "God with us" in your circumstances? — D.G.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 12/24/20

Q: Who visited Elisabeth during her pregnancy?

A: Mary [Luke 1: 39-41]

Q: Mary predicted that all generations would call her what?

A: blessed [Luke 1: 48]

Q: What did John the Baptist call the Pharisees and Sadducees?

A: Vipers [Matthew 3: 7]

Thought to Remember

All secrets will come to light

Questions for the Week of 12/31/20

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Light of the gospel is for _____ and _____.

Q: Timothy's grandmother's name was _____ and his mother's name was _____.

Q: Paul's customary place to preach on the Sabbath Day was the _____.

Happy New Year!
Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Church Directory

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Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m. DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m. ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Anderson, Int. Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m. FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m. FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 9:00 a.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m. GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m. HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m. HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m. KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m. LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening... 7:30 p.m. NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W.K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m. NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m. NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 9:45 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. 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LIFESTYLES

YEAR

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work session for the Elba BOE. Superintendent Moseley scored 47 points out of a possible 52 overall points.

Monday evening, Oct. 5, was a special night for the Elba Marching Tiger Band program as the new band director's tower, located on the band's practice field on the Elba City Schools campus, was officially dedicated. The tower was constructed by band parent and Elba supporter Johnny Senn. A secret kept by Senn from all was his intent to dedicate the new tower to the late Brooke Chapman.

The Elba City Council canvassed and certified the Oct. 6th Municipal Runoff Election results during its 5:30 p.m. meeting Monday, Oct. 12th. A little over 2 ½ prior [2:53 p.m.] to the meeting a Motion to Stay the Certification of Election Results on the Elba Mayoral Candidacy was filed electronically with the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama [Amy L. Reeves, Clerk]. The motion was filed by attorney Michael Jackson on behalf of Timothy Johnson. According to the motion, it was filed because "evidence requesting this stay has been provided to three separate state offices, Alabama Attorney General [Sept. 28, 2020], Alabama Ethics Commission [Oct. 7, 2020], and the Alabama Secretary of State [Oct. 7, 2020]."

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, and a contract renewal for Superintendent Chris Moseley was approved at this meeting. The board approved a new four-year contract for Moseley as Superintendent of Elba City Schools.

Coffee County EMA director James Brown updated Coffee County Commissioners on the latest COVID-19 numbers for the county, and he noted the numbers had been steadily rising the past few weeks with the county almost back to its all-time high for daily positives per day. Brown said Coffee County had added 252 new cases of COVID-19 among its residents over the past 14 days, which averages out to about 18 per day. He said the Alabama Department of Health had the county at 1,795 cumulative cases as of Monday morning, Oct. 26th.

Landmark Park offers several special events in early 2021

Seed Swap and Garden Expo
Jan. 30th, 1-4 p.m.

Bring your seed collection and trade with fellow gardeners. Plus, learn how to get started with gardening, beekeeping and other backyard activities. Hosted by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association. Stokes Activity Barn. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members).

Astronomy Night
Feb. 12th, 6-9 p.m.

Exciting and informative program that gives visitors a view of several stars and planets through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations and visitors will get the chance to experience a stary hayride and campfire. Night walks will take place on the boardwalk. Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy out of this world snacks, space crafts, and a presentation on Astronomy in our Auditorium. This year, the planetarium will not be open due to COVID-19 safety regulations and low space capacity. Scouts are welcome, and Astronomy Night meets several requirements for the Astronomy Badge. Admission is \$5 for members, \$6 for Scouts and their leaders in uniform and

TOP STORIES FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Elba's leadership team for the next four years took office Monday, Nov. 2, as a swearing-in ceremony was held for Mayor Tom Maddox and the Elba City Council. Council members are Jonathan Lockett, District One; Gappa Wise, District Two; Jane Brunson, District Three; Bryan Grimes, District Four; and A.R. Williams, District Five.

Alabama State Trooper Ashton Senn graduated from training Nov. 4th in a ceremony held in Selma, Ala. Senn is following in the footsteps of his father, Johnny Senn of Elba, who also served as a State Trooper before joining the Alabama State Bureau of Investigations.

Governor Kay Ivey on Nov. 5th issued her 19th supplemental emergency proclamation containing an amended Safer at Home Order that includes a statewide mask requirement. This is in relation to the ongoing battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the new order, in effect now, individuals are required to wear a mask or other facial covering when in public and in close contact with other people. This amended order extends until Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Coffee County Commissioners accepted the oath of office for a new term Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, just prior to conducting their first meeting of the term. Commissioners are: Dean Smith, District One; Kim Ellis, District Two; Josh Carnley, District Three; Al Britt, District Four; Jimmy Jones, District Five; Jim Thompson, District Six; and Tom Grimsley, District Seven.

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded to two separate fires Nov. 17th in Elba. The first fire was a vehicle fire in the parking lot of the Elba Gulf Travel Center on the 203 Bypass in Elba. The second fire of the day came around 6:15 p.m. that evening when the fire department was dispatched to a structure fire at 544 Adkinson Avenue in downtown Elba.

TOP STORIES FOR DECEMBER 2020

Elba street superintendent proposes change at council meeting to move the

\$8 for nonmembers and free for children 5 and under. Registration and prepayment are required and can be made at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Quilt Retreat

Led by Sherry Burkhalter, the annual retreat will be held on February 26 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and February 27 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Stokes Activity Barn. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your quilting techniques and learn something new with your fellow quilters. Cost for the retreat is \$75 and includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, drinks and snacks. Bring your sewing machines and supplies. Space is limited and registration is required. Call Sherry at 334-790-9045 or visit her shop, Quilted Creations, on the square in Headland.

Iron Pour

On Saturday, February 27, Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Museum of Art will partner to bring Sloss Metal Arts to the park for an Iron Pour at Landmark Park and special exhibit at the Wiregrass Museum of Art. Participants to the February 27 Iron Pour will be making 3.75"X3.75" scratch block tiles. Cost is \$10 materials fee plus gate fee (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, and free for park members). Registration and prepaid

city's residential garbage pickup to daytime hours.

Elba Water and Electric Board appoints Jane Brunson to be chairman of the board with Mayor Tom Maddox serving as superintendent of the water system.

Each year, Santa is ushered into Elba atop an Elba fire truck as he waves to the crowd and helps the volunteer firemen throw candy to all the little ones in the annual Elba Christmas Parade, which was held Dec. 7th this year.

Former Elba Tiger, Specialist Cedric Benton, turned Alabama Army National Guard Soldier, recently competed in the Alabama Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition. SPC Benton was selected as the 117th Field Artillery (Battalion) and then the 62nd Troop Command (Brigade) representative for this competition. He competed against other Brigade Best Warriors in several events over a five-day period.

Coffee County Board of Education members Brian McLeod (District One) and Sherry Eddins (District Seven) were sworn-in to office Dec. 10, prior to the start of the board's regular monthly meeting. McLeod enters his second 6-year term on the board while this is Eddins' first term. Holding the District 7 seat prior to Mrs. Eddins was her husband, Larry Eddins.

Coffee County EMA director James Brown presented alarming numbers regarding the COVID-19 pandemic Monday morning, Dec. 14, during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

Brown said the state, as of Monday's report, was seeing around 2,800 new cases daily of COVID-19, and Coffee County alone had added 480 new cases in the past two weeks. He said Coffee County was reporting around 21 new cases per day two weeks ago, but Brown said that had escalated to around 35 new cases per day currently.

The 2020 Elba Christmas Family was the Bradley and Sally Bane Family - Bradley and Sally along with their three children, Powell, Jacks, and Bella; and family dog, Tucker, and Bella's baby doll, Ruby.

Happy New Year, from The Elba Clipper!

materials fee required. To ensure social distancing, space is limited, and participants will register in 30 minute blocks (between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.) of 20 people in each block. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.



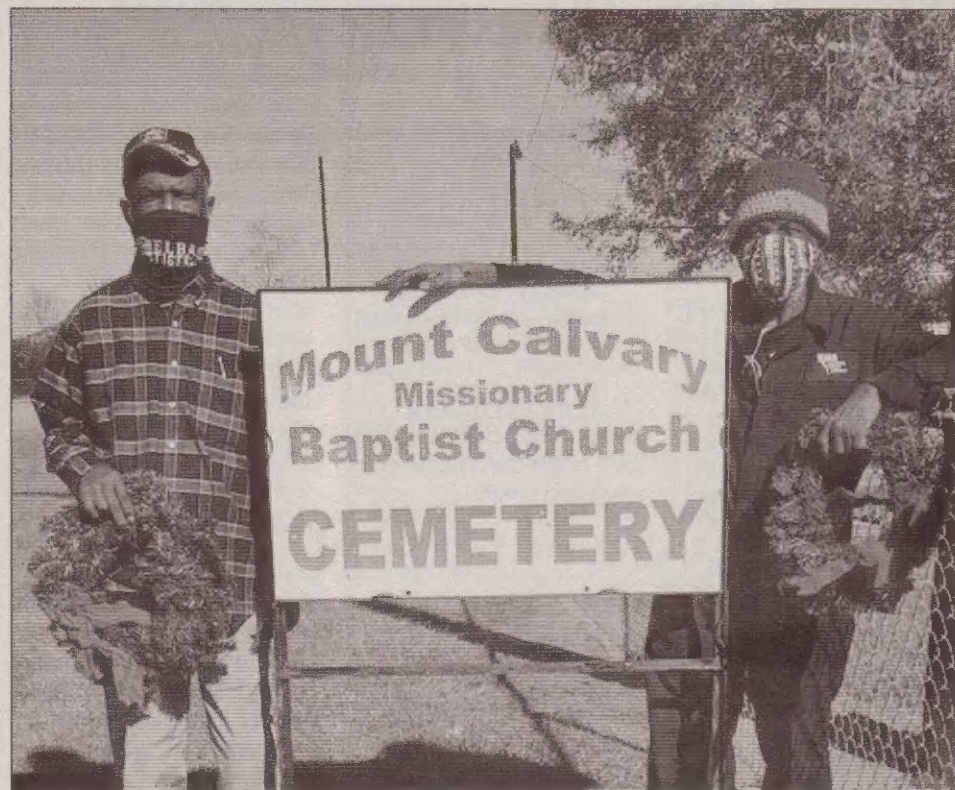
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*This project was supported by Subgrant #18-VA-VS-050 awarded by the Law Enforcement/Traffic Safety Division of ADECA and the U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication program exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice or grant-making component.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA...On Saturday, Dec. 19, Leo Brown and Joe Harris honored the national Wreaths Across America Day by placing wreaths on the graves of 25 veterans at the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, located on Coffee County Road 514.

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, for New Year's Day

COVID

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limited, ADPH continues to urge the public to practice the measures needed to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Alabama residents should continue to exercise caution by minimizing travel and avoiding gatherings of people beyond their immediate household. Below are prevention measures all Alabamians should take, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others. Avoid people who are sick. Stay home if you can;

work remotely if possible. Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering when around others. Cover coughs and sneezes. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Monitor your health. It should be noted that the vaccine is free to all Americans and the allocation plan document will be updated as additional guidance from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is available. ADPH will provide information as additional COVID-19 vaccine products are received. For information, go to alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/prevention.html.

Elba Masonic Lodge plans unveiling of historical marker for Feb. 13, 2021. The local Masonic Lodge is planning a dedication and unveiling of the historic marker for the Elba Lodge #170 on Saturday, Feb. 13, (tentatively at 2 p.m., but may change as lodge members are trying to coordinate event time with the Mason's Bicentennial Committee). The members of the Elba Lodge #170 are inviting the relatives and descendants of the original

charter members and officers of the lodge to attend the event. Those charter members were: William W. Simmons, Alfred McGee, William F. Beard, James Claxton, John Harper, Paul Smith, Pierre Darcy Costello, Micajah Harper, Irwin Rogers, William J. Spurlin, James D. McLean, James M. Tullis, and John B. Simmons.

The public is invited.

information about DAV, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Lifestyles News is due on Monday!

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of **300M Gallon Water Storage Tank and New Lift Station and Sewer Main, CDBG PROJECT NO. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101** will be received by the Coffee County Commission, in the meeting room at the Coffee County Commission at 1065 E. McKinnon Street; New Brockton, Alabama until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2021, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally consists of approximately the following:

300M Gallon Water Storage Tank - a new 300,000-gallon flat bottom ground water storage tank and other related items for fire suppression. **New Lift Station and Sewer Main** - a new lift station, approximately 400 linear feet of new 8-inch gravity sewer main, approximately 2,000 linear feet of new 4-inch force main and miscellaneous appurtenances.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and form of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the Coffee County Commission at 1065 E. McKinnon Street; New Brockton, Alabama 36351 and at the office of Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., 201 East Troy Street, Andalusia, Alabama, 36420.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Coffee County Commission on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon an online payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 by visiting our website - www.southernengineeringsolutions.com and clicking the "Currently Bidding" link at the top of the page. A free one-time membership registration with Quest CDN will be required. Please contact questcdn.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com if you require assistance in registration, downloading, or working with this digital project information. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P.O. Box 610; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$80.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

All bids shall be submitted in the Contract Specification book issued by the Engineer. Bids not submitted in the Contract Specification Book will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the Coffee County Commission at 1065 E. McKinnon Street; New Brockton, Alabama, 36351, "300M Gallon Water Storage Tank Project or New Lift Station and Sewer Main Project, CDBG PROJECT NO.: CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101."

All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Alabama General Contractor's License, evidence (with original seal of the State of Alabama) of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing of a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Bids submitted by a nonresident contractor without these documents included will be rejected.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds. All bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Workhours Act. Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the Coffee County Commission. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included. The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. This project is financed in part by CDBG Grant No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids. Dean Smith Chairman Coffee County Commission 12/17,24,31&1/7-chg.

36323, until 12:00 p.m. local time on January 15, 2021 at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud. The Project consists of installing approximately 30,100 L.F. of 6" water distribution mains and necessary appurtenances.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DHA Engineering, LLC., 406 Dothan Road Abbeville, AL 36310, 334-585-5841, harmoje@gmail.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Coffee County Water Authority, 401 E. Davis Street., Elba, AL 36323. All bidders must register as an official plan holder with the engineer no later than 48 hours prior to the bid opening.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all bids. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders. Owner: Coffee County Water Authority

By: Loffin Martin
Title: Chairman
Date: December 18, 2020
END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
12/24,31 & 1/7-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
FOY BELCHER BENNIE ARNETTE,
An incapacitated person

PC 2017-083
PC 2020-022

NOTICE OF HEARING
Take notice that Petitioner, the Coffee County Conservator, has filed a Petition for settlement of the said Estate, and that the 7th day of January 2021 at 9:00 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 11th day of DECEMBER, 2020.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate
12-17,24,31-chg

PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF
CHARLES LAVON HAM a/k/a CHARLES LAVON HAM SR., deceased
PC 20-016

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 22 day of December, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ William Andrew Stokes IV,
Personal Representative
12/24,31 & 1/7-chg

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**IN THE MATTER OF JAMES PARKER BOWDOIN**
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-073

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Jim Parker Bowdoin on the 10th day of December 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of December 2020.

Jim Parker Bowdoin
Personal Representative
12/17,24,31-pd

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COY C. PATTERSON, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)
CASE NO.: PC 2020-072

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the estate of COY C. PATTERSON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 22nd day of December 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Mandy D. Patterson

MANDY D. PATTERSON

Administratrix of said Estate

12/31,1/7&14-pd.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by WHITNEY V. KIRKLAND AND WILLIAM A. KIRKLAND, a married couple, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on October 30, 2017, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 176A, Page 145; and

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by WHITNEY V. KIRKLAND AKA WHITNEYA. KIRKLAND, a married woman, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on December 20, 2018, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama in A/OFFR 183A, Page 435; said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 3rd day of February, 2021, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgages, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the south line of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, T6N, R20E, and the west right of way (R/W) line of Alabama Highway #189; thence N 20°43'05" W a distance of

969.83 feet to a point on the west R/W line of Alabama Highway #189, and the Point of Beginning; thence S 69°26'26" W a distance of 300.00 feet; thence N 20°33'34" W a distance of 217.80 feet; thence N 69°26'26" E a distance of 300.00 feet to the west R/W line of said highway; thence along said R/W line S 20°33'34" E a distance of 217.80 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31, T6N, R20E, and contains 1.50 acres, more or less.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagors' default, including attorney's fees. Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under

certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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ATTORNEY FOR
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Recurring Activities at Landmark Park

The Wiregrass Woodturners host a club meeting and woodturning demo every first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to visit and learn how to make beautiful wooden items turned on a lathe. Wiregrass Woodturner members get in free. Club meets in the Interpretive Center Classroom.

The Landmark Dulcimer Club has a jam and practice session every first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. You do not have to know how to read music! We prefer you bring your own Mountain Dulcimer but we do have a few practice dulcimers you can borrow if you want to give it a try. Show your instrument and get in for free! Club meets in the Interpretive Center.

The Wiregrass Forge will present a Blacksmithing Demo every first and third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Watch as metal is heated and shaped into a variety of items.

Alabama Cooperative Extension offering several online workshops

Dr. Robert Tufts from Alabama Extension has a number of online workshops focusing on everything from estate planning to timber tax law, coming up after the first of the year.

• Introduction to QuickBooks Online - January 7

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/introduction-to-quick-books-online-workshop/>

• Basic Estate Planning - January 14

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• Timber Tax and IRS Reporting - January 22

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• Estate Planning for Landowners - January 28

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• Heirs Property - February 11

For more information, visit: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farm-management/heirs-property-online-workshop/>

If You Received A Bargain Hunt Store Receipt That Showed More Than The Last 5 Digits Of Your Credit/Debit Card Number, Your Rights May Be Affected By A Class Action Settlement.

Para información en español, visite el sitio web.

What is this lawsuit about? The lawsuit alleges that customers who used a credit or debit card at Bargain Hunt stores were provided with electronically-printed customer receipts which had more than the last five digits of their card number printed on the receipt. Bargain Hunt denies any wrongdoing but is settling the claims in this lawsuit.

Who is included in the Settlement? You are included in the Settlement if you used your personal credit or debit card at any Bargain Hunt store and you were provided with an electronically-printed customer receipt between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 that shows more than the last 5 digits of your card number.

What are my rights? Submit A Claim - You can get up to \$100 from the Settlement. To be eligible for any money, you must submit a Claim Form by March 22, 2021 along with: (1) An original or copy of a receipt from any Bargain Hunt store between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 showing more than the last 5 digits of your credit/debit card number; or (2) An original or copy of your credit/debit card statement showing your first and last name, and a purchase from any Bargain Hunt store between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Visit FactaReceiptSettlement.com for more details on benefits available and how to submit a claim.

Do Nothing - If you do nothing, you will remain in the Settlement, but you will not receive any money from the Settlement, and you will be bound by the orders and judgment of the Court and give up your rights to sue for the claims resolved by this Settlement. **Object -** You can stay in the Settlement and object to the Settlement. Your objection must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator on or before February 5, 2021.

Exclude Yourself - If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement and you want to preserve your right to sue about the claims released by this Settlement, you must request to be excluded on or before February 5, 2021. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive any money from this Settlement.

The parties will request a Fairness Hearing before the Honorable Judge Andy Prather, Division 2, on April 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to decide whether to approve the settlement and to award attorneys' fees and expenses to the Settlement Class Counsel appointed by the Court, plus Settlement Class Representative incentive awards. If the hearing date/location changes, the updated information will be posted on the settlement website. Applicable pleadings will be posted on the website below after they are filed. You may attend this hearing, but you do not have to. If you want to be represented by your own lawyers, you may hire one at your own expense, but you do not have to.

This is a summary notice only. For more information about the Settlement, including the Long Form Notice and Claim Form, please visit FactaReceiptSettlement.com or write Bargain Hunt Settlement, PO Box 42546, Philadelphia, PA 19101-2546 or call 1-833-913-4213.

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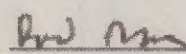
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance
All Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		***TOTALS***
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	EXPENDABLE TRUST	MEMORANDUM ONLY	
REVENUES							
TAXES	7,632,205	911,338	0	0	0		8,543,541
LICENSES & PERMITS	141,870	0	0	0	0		141,870
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,463,789	4,601,802	0	0	0		7,065,591
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	1,773,123	157,932	0	0	7,942,816	27,990	9,900,961
MISCELLANEOUS	516,530	330,820	0	0	282,913	17,136	1,127,399
TOTAL REVENUES	12,517,317	6,001,090	0	0	8,212,326	44,823	26,775,556
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,591,107	661,937	0	0	0	49,897	5,302,941
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,795,368	0	0	0	0	0	4,795,368
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS	0	4,572,407	0	0	0	0	4,572,407
SANITATION	0	0	0	0	5,717,671	0	5,717,671
HEALTH	26,193	0	0	0	0	0	26,193
PUBLIC WELFARE	433,168	0	0	0	0	0	433,168
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	6,000
EDUCATION	71,855	0	0	0	0	0	71,855
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,600,994	1,439,936	0	0	680,287	0	3,721,217
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT	371,463	1,213,543	346,157	0	1,071,368	0	3,002,561
INTEREST	220,307	46,186	95,053	0	146,332	0	507,878
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	2,750	0	0	0	0	0	2,750
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	153,000	0	0	0	0	0	153,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,272,205	7,934,009	441,210	0	7,615,678	49,897	28,313,009
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	245,112	(1,932,919)	(441,210)	0	596,648	(5,074)	(1,537,444)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
LOAN PROCEEDS	765,000	0	0	0	0	0	765,000
BOND PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	203,025	930,617	0	0	111,253	0	1,244,895
PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE	0	748,490	0	0	0	0	748,490
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	2,681,100	1,162,000	441,210	0	0	0	4,284,310
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(2,654,376)	(744,932)	0	0	(685,000)	0	(4,284,310)
OTHER USES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	734,749	2,086,175	441,210	0	(573,747)	0	2,758,387

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

2012 Refunding	2,702,831
Loans Payable to Banks	6,605,062
Lease Purchase Equipment	4,168,490
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	813,950
Landfill Loans Payable to Banks	1,914,892
Roll-Off Loans Payable to Banks	127,518
Roll-Off Lease Purchase Equipment	64,705
Solid Waste Loans Payable to Banks	0
Solid Waste Lease Purchase Equipment	0
Total Indebtedness	16,397,449


Rod Morgan
County Administrator

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson enjoyed opening presents and looking under the tree for surprises on Christmas morning, and once again may not have time to play with all his gifts before its time to write Santa back with his wish list for next year. I'm sure he can tell you every present he got and who gave it to him, but am not so sure he will even pull them all out of the box they came in.

For what it is worth....

*** The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its annual 'all-state' high school football picks last week and it wasn't the best of weeks for the teams from Coffee County as Enterprise had one player on the list, while Elba, New Brockton, Kinston and Zion Chapel were all shut out. Brantley did place a total of six players on the list to dominate the 1A list, as always. However, there is no doubt that Elba had at least two or three players that should have had least received honorable mention. I'm not a member of the association and don't really know how the team is picked, but as is usually the case, many deserving players were left off the list.

*** Auburn shocked its football fans and most of the college football world last week when it hired Boise State head coach Bryan Harsin as its new football coach. Harsin was born and raised in Boise, played high school and college football in Boise, and was an assistant for many years with the Broncos before taking over the head job seven years ago. He was vocal during the past season about his displeasure with the conference the team was in and it was reported just a couple of weeks ago he had interviewed for the head job at Arizona. Now he is the new kid in the SEC, the strongest football league in the nation, and I think may be in a little over his head. Boise State was always the team on the outside looking in when it became bowl season due to the team's weak schedule, and during his seven-year stay as the head coach had so-called 'signature' wins over Washington, Washington State, Oregon State and Arizona, all west coast schools that have never received much respect from the rest of the nation. He did have two wins over Troy for those of you looking for a win over a team from the south, but also lost to Ole Miss, Baylor and even Virginia. There is no doubt he will win more than his share of games at Auburn and will more than double his past salary of \$1.55 million. However, the key to his success may be taking charge of the program that had reportedly become divided with millionaire defensive coordinator Kevin Steele not having to answer to anyone. One thing for sure, it will still be interesting over on the plains both on and off the field.

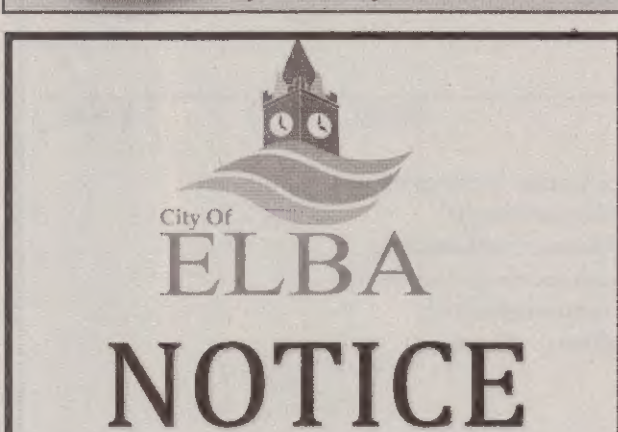
*** In closing.... I guess if 2020 taught us anything it was that you can never take even the slightest thing for granted. Let's all use our 20-20 vision to never forget 2020. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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Tips for....

Hunting the rut in Alabama

While the white-tailed deer rut has come and gone in a few areas in Alabama, hunters in the majority of the state are dealing with the December doldrums, waiting for the breeding season to begin in earnest.

Alabama native Chuck Sykes, Director of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, said the whitetails in the bulk of the state adjust to the increased activity in the woods, and hunters are having to deal with a lull in deer movement.

"People kill deer the first couple of weeks of the season, and, in my opinion, those deer get enough pressure that they go underground for a few weeks until the rut brings them back out," Sykes said.

He said hunters should soon start seeing evidence of early rutting behavior with increased activity by the bucks.

"Typically, you'll start seeing a few scrapes and rubs, and you'll start seeing a few does without fawns right up under them," Sykes said. "The does are starting to wean those fawns, getting ready for the rut. So, you'll see button bucks walking around aimlessly by themselves."

Bucks paw the ground to make scrapes where urine is deposited as a scent marker. A licking branch, where the buck can leave additional scent, is usually above a scrape. The rubs are the results of bucks using their antlers to debark trees, often cedars, to mark boundaries and leave more scent.

"Earlier in the season, you've got bachelor groups of bucks running together," Sykes said. "You'll see a bunch of rubs and scrapes in certain locations where they're establishing their pecking order."

"This time of year, when you see those scrapes and rubs, it's deer laying out their territories, getting in areas where they can intercept a bunch of does. That's a big portion of the mating process. When you start seeing those scrapes being freshened up, those are excellent places to hunt. A scrape is like a deer nightclub. They go to it and lay down some scent. It lets everyone know who's in the neighborhood."

In early January, hunters will likely see a few bucks chasing does, but Sykes says that activity is only by the younger bucks.

"Those bucks usually jump the gun by a couple of weeks over your mature deer," he said. "It's like people who raise cows. You put a young bull in the pasture, and he'll



follow a cow around three or four days before she's receptive, a couple of days while she's receptive and then three or four days after she's receptive. They waste a lot of energy."

"You put an older bull in the pasture, and he's going to lay around until the time is right. He conserves energy. Bucks are the same way. Those young bucks are rambunctious and moving around. The mature bucks, you're not going to see them moving until it's right."

As for the timing of the rut, Sykes says peak rutting activity varies very little from year to year.

"You can go back and look at our historical stocking data, and the deer rut takes place within a day or two every year in those certain locations," he said. "When people say the deer just aren't rutting because the weather is hot, well, the deer are still rutting. They have the ability to do it at night when the weather cools down. The rut takes place whether you see it or not."

"That's where the environmental conditions and hunting pressure have effects. If deer are getting pressured a lot, they may not move around during daylight hours. They will wait until after dark."

Sykes said several misconceptions about the deer rut in Alabama persist, especially with the advent of social media platforms.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is I've got this big buck and I'm going to save him because he's going to breed 15 or 20 does on my property," he said. "That's just not the case. Whitetails are not like elk, where a bull elk might have a big harem of 10 or 15 cows. In a good year, a buck may sire four to five fawns."

"Another huge misconception that you see all the time on social media is people talking about taking this buck out of the herd because they didn't

want him breeding and passing along bad genetics. In most cases, that's just an excuse to pull the trigger. With free-range, wild deer, culling cannot change genetics. There are just too many factors involved. Half of the genetics are coming from the doe."

Sykes insists hunters should not try to cull bucks based on antler characteristics. Instead, cull bucks based on age. "You need to base your decision on whether you want to feed that deer another year," he said. "You have limited resources of food, cover and water, so that's how you make a determination, not because of what people think are inferior genetics. If you see a buck that has a nice rack on one side and a spike on the other, more than likely that occurred because of an injury to the pedicle (antler base)."

Sykes has a long history of hunting deer in Alabama. He was a guide at Bent Creek Lodge near Jachin, Alabama, for five years before managing Circle N Lodge in east Alabama for eight years. He was a wildlife consultant for 20 years before becoming WFF Director in 2012.

"I'm kind of an oddball," Sykes said of his deer-hunting tactics. "I like to hunt deer before the rut when I can pattern them better on food sources. The rut can be a wonderful time to hunt, and it can also be extremely frustrating. If the conditions are bad and the bucks are locked down with does, you may not see a thing. Then on that one day when all the conditions are right, you get a hot doe running through your property and you may see six or eight bucks chasing her. That's what everybody wants to see."

"But the rut can be very hit-or-miss. It can be extremely frustrating, or it can be extremely euphoric."

While Sykes is hunting food sources right now, when the serious rutting

activity starts, he is going to areas where he can find the most females.

"In west Alabama where I spend most of my time, I'm hunting does when the rut starts," he said. "I'm going to be in a place with as many does as I can find if I'm trying to look for a mature deer."

"There's one thing about the rut that is fairly interesting. I've got 10 or 15 trail cameras out that I've been monitoring since June. You think you know who everybody is. You've got your hit list together. Then, come January 20, you'll have a deer show up that you have no idea who he is. It could be good or bad. You have some of your regulars go see the neighbors for a few days, but their deer may come to see you."

One of the most important factors of successful hunting during the rut is having the time to spend in the woods, which is why many hunters take significant vacation time in January.

"You can't kill him sitting at home," Sykes said. "You've got to be out there as much as possible for when the magic happens."

However, hunters can't be haphazard about their approach to hunting a mature buck.

"You do your homework," Sykes said. "You do your scouting. You try to plan as much as you can. And when the conditions are right, that's when you go."

"One of the biggest mistakes I think people make is they have a deer in an area where they have a stand, and they want to hunt him so bad that they go in with a bad wind direction or conditions that aren't right. Typically, for those older deer, you've got one day you can ease in and get him. If the wind shifts or you make a mistake, it makes it 10 times harder to try to find him again. I hunt the wind. If the wind is not right, I do not go."

Game check phone number is back in service

To give hunters more options for the mandatory reporting of deer and turkey harvests, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is reactivating its toll free Game Check phone number, 1-800-888-7690. Hunters can report their harvests through the Game Check help line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, began

at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 28, 2020.

The Game Check help line reporting process is simple and takes just a few minutes to complete.

When calling to report their harvest, hunters will first hear a recorded message prompting them to have their information ready before speaking to an operator who will input the data for them. Callers must

have their Conservation ID or ADCNR hunting license number to begin the reporting process.

Once on the phone with an operator, callers will be asked for the date and county of harvest, type of land (public or private) and the antler point count when reporting a deer. To report a turkey harvest, callers will be asked for the date and county of harvest, type of land (public or private), the turkey's age (jake or adult) and its beard and spur lengths.

The data collected through Game Check helps ADCNR's Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) make management decisions about the state's deer and turkey populations and fine-tune seasons and bag limits for the benefit of hunters.

"We'd previously shut down the call-in number due to incomplete data gathered

by the computerized system," said Chuck Sykes, WFF Director. "Having live operators enter the information into Game Check for the callers should make it a more user-friendly experience and gather better information for our biologists."

In addition to the Game Check help line, deer and turkey harvests can also be reported through the recently updated Outdoor AL mobile app (version 1.3.2 or higher) or online at outdooralabama.com. Reporting is still required within 48 hours of any deer or turkey harvest or when possession of the deer or turkey is transferred to a processor, taxidermist or another individual.

Learn more about Alabama's Game Check reporting requirements at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/game-check-and-harvest-record-information.

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SPORTS NEWS



KENUWYN DIXON - 1ST TEAM



CARSON JONES - 1ST TEAM



BO COOK - 1ST TEAM

Brantley Bulldogs dominate 2020 Class 1A 'All-State' picks

(Photos by Cody Nichols)

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its 2020 high school 'All-State' football team over the holidays and included on the honored list in Class 1A were six members of the Brantley Bulldogs.

Kenuwyn Dixon, Carson Jones and Bo Cook were all first team selections, while earning second team honors were Tucker Kilcrease, Kedrick Brown and Cole Welch.

Dixon, a 5-11, 180, senior, was a first team selection at wide-receiver. During the Bulldogs banner 13-1 season, Dixon had 38 receptions for 753 yards and 13 touchdowns, rushed for 482 yards and 11 touchdowns on 20 carries and completed 8 of 11 passes for 176 yards.

Jones, a 6-2, 274, senior, was a pick at offensive line, where he graded 92 percent during the season and recorded 9 pancake blocks, while Cook, a 6-3, 252, senior, was a defensive line selection, where he posted 88 tackles, including 62 solo stops, 15 tackles for losses and 9 quarterback sacks.

Kilcrease, a 6-2, 186, junior, was a second team selection at quarterback after leading the Bulldogs to a record-setting offensive season. An all-state pick for the second straight season, Kilcrease completed 128 of 188 passes for 2,320 yards and 33 touchdowns, with only 4 interceptions, and rushed for 465 yards and 9 td's in 42 carries, all in just 10 games.

Brown, a 6-0, 180, sophomore, was a pick at linebacker after posting 90 tackles, including 48 solo stops, 20 tackles for losses and 1 quarterback sack, in 10 games, while Welch, a 6-3, 320, senior, was selected at offensive line, where he recorded a 90% grade and had 16 pancake blocks.

The 2020 'All-State' picks also included a number of area players, including:

(Class 7A) 1st Team – Josh McCray, senior, athlete, Enterprise.

(Class 5A) 1st Team – Gage Theus, senior, placekicker, Andalusia; Landen Holley, junior, punter, Charles Henderson; 2nd Team – J.B. Sanders, senior, defensive line, Charles Henderson.

(Class 4A) 2nd Team – Christian Ross, senior, defensive line, Dale County.

(Class 3A) 1st Team – Jaylen Nobles, junior, running back, Slocomb; Brody Campbell, sophomore, defensive back, Slocomb; 2nd Team – Hal Smithart, senior, quarterback, Opp; Zakevin Pennington, junior, running back, Pike County; Cole Jennings, junior, defensive line, Opp; Zeke Kelley, senior, linebacker, Wicksburg; Hornando Wheeler, senior, linebacker, Pike County; Rashawn Miller, sophomore, athlete, Slocomb. Honorable Mention – Peyton Ellis, senior, wide-receiver, Opp; Jarrett Henderson, senior, offensive line, Slocomb; Kevin Parreira, senior, defensive back, Opp.

(Class 2A) 1st Team – Martavious Glanton, senior, quarterback, Abbeville; Emmanuel Henderson, junior, running back, Geneva County; Randy Glanton, senior, wide-receiver, Abbeville; Tanner Patton, sophomore, placekicker, G.W. Long; Arthur Thomas, senior, defensive line, Abbeville; Rico Dozier, senior, linebacker, Abbeville; Kobie Stringer, junior, athlete, G.W. Long; 2nd Team – Tuff Hand, junior, offensive line, Ariton; Ky'Juan Kinsey, sophomore, offensive line, Abbeville; CJ McNabb, sophomore, linebacker, Ariton; Honorable Mention – Nikki Taylor, junior, wide-receiver, Luverne; Will Birdsong, senior, linebacker, Geneva County; Jayven Anderson, senior, athlete, Abbeville; Coach of the Year – LaBrian Stewart, Abbeville.

(Class 1A) 1st Team – Kamern Daniels, sophomore, McKenzie, running back; Anthone Stone, senior, wide-receiver, Florida; Francisco Laureano, senior, placekicker, Samson; Zacchaeus Reese, senior, linebacker, Florida; Rashaad Coleman, senior, athlete, Florida; 2nd Team – Jentry Lee, junior, offensive line, Red Level; Zack Boggan, junior, defensive line, Georgiana; Gunner Glisson, junior, linebacker, Samson; Nehemiah Altidor, sophomore, defensive back, Georgiana; Braxton Brooks, junior, athlete, Samson; Davonta Walker, senior, athlete, Georgiana; Coach of the Year – Drew Luker, McKenzie.



TUCKER KILCREASE - 2ND TEAM



COLE WELCH - 2ND TEAM

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Geneva at Elba
Samson at Kinston

Thursday, Jan. 7
Kinston at Pleasant Home

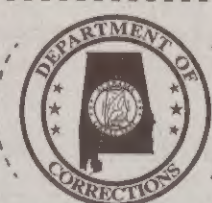
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Zion Chapel Bass Team takes on Lake Martin for East Alabama High School Trail

In December 2020, the ZC Bass Team fished their first tournament on the East Alabama High School Trail. However, prior to this tournament, they garnered much attention when they decorated one of their team boats with colorful Christmas lights and participated in the city of Elba's annual Christmas parade. Following the parade, they were joined by friends and family at a local restaurant where they enjoyed food and fellowship. As usual, when these anglers assemble, food is generally involved.

Following a long school day December 11, the ZC team members loaded their gear and headed north to Lake Martin. The following day was spent on the lake seeking some prospective fishing holes for the Dec. 13th tournament day.

Lake Martin, located in Tallapoosa, Coosa, and Elmore counties in Alabama, is a 44,000-acre with 750 miles of wooded shoreline. According to Captain David Hare of Alex City Guide Service, "there is never a dull moment on Lake Mar-

tin in December. Whether you enjoy catching size or quantity, whether you enjoy live baiting or artificial, December will not disappoint." (Alabama Outdoor News, December 2020)

After a fog delay, a short nap, and some more food, the anglers were finally able to hit the water. With their best efforts, they did not manage to catch the number or the pounds they had anticipated, but a few is better than none.

There were 64 boats participating in the tournament. The ZC Team had a change of anglers for one team, and a new angler, Jackson Dowdy, was added.

The team K Dowdy/DeVos finished 16th with their limit of five fish weighing 7.39 pounds.

The team Padgett/Young finished 33rd with their limit of five fish weighing 5.74 pounds.

The team Lee/Johns finished 40th with their limit of five fish weighing 4.15 pounds.

The newly formed team of FitzGerald/J Dowdy finished 61st.

The ZCBT finished ninth of 15 teams participating.

After skipping the month of January, the ZCBT will head to Lake Harding for their next tournament with the East Alabama High School Bass Trail on February 13, 2021. They are eager to make a better show in 2021.

In the meantime, these teenagers will be busy fishing, deer hunting, duck hunting, and practicing for baseball season. Needless to say, these anglers busy themselves in the great outdoors.



Anglers, captains, and guests waiting for final results.



Avery Padgett, Captain Kyle Padgett, Ethan Young who came in 33 out of 64 boats.



Austin Johns and Trevor Lee finished 40th out of 64 boats.

Local area encouraged to be aware of potential for stormy weather New Year's Eve into New Year's Day

As 2021 approaches this week, weather forecasters warned local citizens to be on alert for severe weather late New Year's Eve [Thursday, Dec 31st] into early New Year's Day [Friday, Jan. 1st].

"Severe weather and heavy rainfall will be possible on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day [Thursday into Friday], with the greatest threat for severe weather overnight Thursday night," Coffee County EMA director James Brown said earlier this week.

According to information from the National Weather

Service [NWS], a cold front is expected push through the area Thursday night into Friday with showers and thunderstorms expected both ahead of and along the front. Some of these storms could be strong to severe, especially the line of storms associated with the actual front.

NWS officials said the primary threats will be damaging winds, tornadoes, and heavy rainfall.

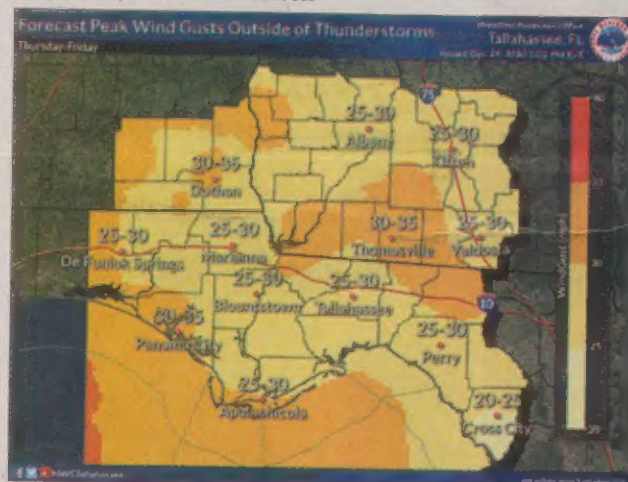
"While showers and thunderstorms are expected to begin during the day Thursday well ahead of the front, most of the severe

weather is expected during the overnight hours on Thursday night," Brown said.

NWS predictions indicated the best chances for severe weather risks would be across Southeast Alabama, the Eastern

Panhandle, and Western Big Bend.

A widespread 2 to 3 inches of rainfall is expected with this system with isolated higher amounts, but widespread flooding is not expected, officials said.



Looking for a way to 'give back' and 'help others'...

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity has opportunities in Elba!

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity continues to work on two houses in Elba, and work resumed this week after a month-long break from construction. Both houses are located on Adkinson Avenue in Elba, and all volunteer work is greatly appreciated.

The Thomas House

Volunteers were in Elba on Tuesday of this week spraying primer on the ceiling, walls and trim. This project is ready to roll the walls with paint.

The Washington House

This house is ready for insulation and then drywall.

Again, all volunteer help is greatly appreciated!

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